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Fwd: City Council President Herb Wesson "Support of Proposed Housing Services on Vermont Ave"

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Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 4, 2018 at 11:23 AM

To: "Villanueva, Eric (Roderico)" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>, Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Please add the attached letter to Council File No. 18-0392.

Thanks!

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From: **Wendy Nakao** <wendy.nakao@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 1, 2018 at 11:27 AM

Subject: Re: City Council President Herb Wesson "Support of Proposed Housing Services on Vermont Ave"

To: Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>

Cc: Jamie Hwang <jamie.hwang@lacity.org>, "Rodriguez, Cairo" <cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org>

Dear Andrew,

Thank you very much for this link. I am attaching my letter on behalf of the Zen Center of Los Angeles. If possible, we would like to have it added to the support letters on your site.

Looking forward to our shelter becoming reality. Thank you all for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Rev. Wendy

On May 31, 2018, at 4:50 PM, Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org> wrote:

Rev. Nakao,

We appreciate your support! I've attached more information you can share with your neighbors and co-workers as well as the link below.

<http://herbwesson.com/initiatives/temporary-homeless-housing-facility/>

Best,

Andrew

On Wed, May 30, 2018 at 2:59 PM, Caolinn Mejza <caolinn.mejza@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Rev. Wendy Lou Nakao** <wordpress@herbwesson.com>

Date: Wed, May 30, 2018 at 2:43 PM

Subject: City Council President Herb Wesson "Support of Proposed Housing Services on Vermont Ave"

To: caolinn.mejza@lacity.org

From: Rev. Wendy Lou Nakao <wendy.nakao@gmail.com>

Subject: Support of Proposed Housing Services on Vermont Ave

Message Body:

I am in support of the proposed housing services on Vermont Avenue. I am a 40-year resident of Koreatown and currently serve as the Abbot of the Zen Center of Los Angeles on Normandie Avenue. We have a resident community of 25-30 people, who are also in support of the proposed shelter. We recently took in a homeless youth through the sanctuary of Hope in an effort to do our part in ending youth homelessness. We have also formed relationships with some of the homeless who live in the streets surrounding the Zen Center. Please convey our support to Councilman Wesson. Thank you very much.

This e-mail was sent from a contact form on City Council President Herb Wesson (<http://herbwesson.com>)



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June 1, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr. President, Los Angeles City Council
Council Member, 10th District
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430 Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN
KOREATOWN 682 S. VERMONT AVENUE

Dear Councilman Wesson,

On behalf of the Zen Center of Los Angeles (ZCLA), I write in support of the establishment of the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown. ZCLA has been a presence in Koreatown for fifty years since its establishment in 1967. As a Zen Buddhist temple and center, we serve the wider Los Angeles community and also a resident community of thirty people.

Over the past fifty years, we have lived through many phases of our neighborhood, including the LA Riots and the horrible street drug years of the 1980s. Now we are facing perhaps the toughest challenge of all: our unhoused neighbors living in tents on our sidewalks. We believe that every individual deserves a home and opportunities for a healthy and comfortable life in order to serve our communities.

Recently, through my work with the Mayor's Interfaith Council and in partnership with the Sanctuary of Hope, ZCLA opened its residential housing to a youth who had been homeless for three years while working and going to school. We are learning that it is not a simple matter to move off the streets and that services must be provided in order to make a successful transition.

Let's create an environment of compassion, hope and support in Koreatown and honor the mandate of the voters in passing Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Sincerely,

Rev. Wendy Egyoku Nakao, Abbot

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